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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE BOAT CASE - GREEK SHIP LYDIA

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1. REFTEL INFORMED ADDRESSEES THAT GREEK FLAG M/V LYDIA HAD
RESCUED 51 VIETNAMESE APRIL 1 AND AFTER BEING REFUSED AUTHORIZATION
DISEMBARK REFUGEES AT SINGAPORE, PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA AND
SRI LANKA, WAS SCHEDULED ARRIVE AT MAMBASA APRIL 17.

2. WE ARE INFORMED BY UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE ATHENS (OLDRICH
HASELMAN) THAT KENYAN GOVERNMENT HAS AUTHORIZED DISEMBARKATION
AND STAY IN KENYA NOT TO EXCEED 90 DAYS.

3. HASELMAN STATES HE HAS APPROACHED GOG FOR AUTHORIZATION
BRING REFUGEES TO LAVRION FOR PROCESSING BUT HAS BEEN REFUSED
PERMISSION. ACCORDING TO HASELMAN GOG IS CONCERNED WITH
PRESENCE NUMEROUS IRAQIS WHO ARE CLAIMING REFUGEE STATUS IN
ATHENS AND WITH THE RESIDUE OF 1976 QUOTE SAFEHAVE OPERATION
UNQUOTE GROUP.

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4. UNABLE TO TRANSFER THIS GROUP OF 51 BOAT CASE REFUGEES
TO GREECE FOR PROCESSING, HASELMAN HAS ASKED RE
POSSIBILITY OF INS OFFICER TRAVELING TO KENYA FOR PURPOSE
CONDUCTING CONDITIONAL ENTRY INTERVIEWS. AS REFTEL INDICATED,
ALL 22 MEN IN REFUGEE GROUP ARE SAID TO CLAIM PRIOR SERVICE
WITH SOUTH VEITNAMESE AND U.S. UNITS IN VIETNAM, AND THUS
PRESUMABLY WISH TO APPLY FOR RESETTLEMENT IN THE U.S.

5. WE ARE AWARE THAT PROCESSING FOR CONDTIOANL ENTRY CAN OCCUR
ONLY IN THOSE COUNTRIES MUTUALLY AGREED TO BY SECRETARY OF
STATE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND THAT KENYA AS OF NOW HAS NOT BEEN
SO DESIGNATED. WOULD NEVERTHELESS APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S
GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT WE MAY INFORM UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE.
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